

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraphs [0001] and [0018] with the following paragraphs rewritten in amendment format:

[0001] This application is a ~~divisional~~ division of United States Patent Application No. 09/940,120, filed on August 27, 2001, now United States Patent No. 6,615,642.

[0018] The tool 20 also comprises a sealing member 32 that is designed to provide a fluid tight seal between the tool 20 and an aircraft 34 so that a pressure seal 36 on the aircraft 34 can be locally tested by a vacuum being placed within the interior cavity 26 of the tool 20. The sealing member 32 can be provided by a variety of means. For example, the sealing member 32 can be in the form of a putty type substance that can be applied to the peripheral edge 30 to form a fluid tight seal between the aircraft 34 and the tool 20. The sealing member ~~[[22]]~~ 32 could also be a viscid substance that can be applied to the peripheral edge 30 to provide a fluid tight seal between the aircraft 34 and the tool 20. Preferably, as shown in Figure 1, the sealing member 32 is a gasket 38. The gasket 38 has opposite first and second sealing surfaces 40, 42 and a thickness 44 therebetween. The gasket first sealing surface 40 forms a fluid tight seal between the gasket 38 and the peripheral edge 30. Preferably, the gasket 38 is contoured so that the first sealing surface 40 is complementary to and/or matches the peripheral edge 30 of the tool 20. The gasket 38 also has an opening 46 that extends through the gasket 38 and is generally aligned with the opening 28 in the body 22 of the tool 20 when placed on the peripheral edge 30 so that when the tool 20 is placed on the aircraft 34 over the pressure seal 36 the gasket 38 does not interfere with the communication between the interior cavity 26 and the pressure seal 36.